



Office of the City Manager

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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: *DWR* Dee Williams-Ridley, City Manager

Re: Supplemental Information related to 2023 BPD Annual Report

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the Police Department provided their annual report to Council during a Special Meeting. During that presentation historical data was provided on sexual assaults:

|                | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sexual Assault | 26   | 35   | 44   | 54   | 83   | 65   | 74   | 47   | 57   | 89   |

The department explained during the presentation that the rise in total number of results may have a number of different causes including increased expansion of the definition of sexual assault as it relates to Part One crime reporting, willingness and comfort of victims in reporting incidents, returning from pandemic sheltering in place, and an increase in “cold” reports.

In order to provide additional and more specific information and background about the increase in reported cases, the department prepared the following supplemental information regarding the 2022 total number of sexual assaults:

1. There were six stranger sexual assault cases.
2. Eighteen cases were reporting sexual assaults that occurred in prior years, some of which were outside the statute of limitations. One case was from 50 years ago.
3. One suspect was connected to three cases.
4. Five suspects were connected to more than one case.
5. Thirty-two cases indicated the presence of alcohol and/or drugs.
6. Twenty-five cases involved students attending parties.

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